

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) An asymmetric boat anchor, comprising
  - an unballasted fluke (2) having a tip (6) and a back (8) with a curved edge (10);
  - a shank (4) mounted on the fluke, with an opening (20) at an end (18) opposite the fluke;wherein an edge (26) of the shank away from the tip (6) of the fluke is curved and wherein the opening (20) is offset from a plane (30) tangent to the back edge (10) of the fluke and to the edge (26) of the shank.
2. (Original) The anchor of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the surface of the fluke (2) to the weight of the anchor is higher than 80 cm<sup>2</sup>/kg, and preferably higher than 100 cm<sup>2</sup>/kg.
3. (Currently Amended) The anchor of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the centre of mass of the fluke is located nearer to the back edge (10) of the fluke than to the tip (6) of the fluke.
4. (Currently Amended) The anchor of claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the shank is mounted on the half portion of the fluke near to the tip (6).
5. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the proportion of the weight of the anchor on the tip is higher than 20%.

6. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the fluke is formed of a metal plate of constant thickness.
7. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the angle between a bottom line of the fluke (2) and a line from the geometric centre (G) of the fluke to the opening (20) is from 30 to 38°, and preferably about 34°.
8. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the shank has a second opening (24) and wherein the angle between a bottom line of the fluke (2) and a line from the geometric centre (G) of the fluke to the second opening (24) is from 40 to 50°, and preferably about 45°.
9. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the fluke is provided with a sand-guide (12,14) at an upper side of the back (8).
10. (Currently Amended) The anchor of ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein the shank is provided with a protruding portion (22) at its lower edge.